

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I'm writing in response to having recently learned about efforts to block or restrict programing available through satellite radio. In particular, I'm concerned about the effects relating to traffic and weather channels.

I am troubled on many levels. First, I don't see how or why the FCC should be concerned about trying to limit commercial activities such as those provided by satellite radio. My car has FM, AM and XM radio. I pay for the XM radio services, and have found them to be extremely enjoyable. I find the quality of program offerings hard to beat. Local FM and AM radio stations can compete with such programming if they choose to do so. The FCC should not be trying to restrict either competition or product offerings.

Second, I've found the XM traffic and weather information extremely valuable while traveling outside of my home city, Chicago. Recently, I drove to Pittsburgh & Detroit. I was able to find out traffic conditions and weather forecasts and conditiosn in both cities, eventhough I was not near such cities at the time. This aided my travels greatly as I was able to plan my activities and driving around the severe weather (thunder storms) that was forecasted. I found the traffic and weather information offered by XM to be a great driving safety feature.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

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